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SUBJECT:EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. MORE ON THE PRESBYTERIANS (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE GROC AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONTINUES, BUT THE RUMORS THAT GENERAL SECRETARY KAO WOULD BE ARRESTED APRIL 16 PROVED UNFOUNDED. LEADERS OF THE TAIWAN SELF-DETERMINATION MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE THE PAST FEW WEEKS, SENDING TELEGRAMS AND CALLING ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (AS WELL AS EA AND HA OFFICERS HERE) TO WARN OF AN IMMINENT GROC CRACKDOWN. WE BELIEVE GROC IS MORE LIKELY TO TRY TO SPLIT PRESBYTERIAN UNITY BY CO-OPTING SOME MEMBERS AND TRYING TO FRIGHTEN THE REST, THAN TO ARREST REVEREND KAO AND THE CHURCH HEIRARCHY.

2. TWO MORE BUYING MISSIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EMBASSY REPORTS PLANS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MISSIONS TO COME TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE GROC'S "BUY MORE AMERICAN" PROGRAM. THE FIRST GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JUNE AND PLANS PURCHASES OF ABOUT \$300 MILLION IN

INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT AND \$100 MILLION IN AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCE. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON PURCHASES BY LARGE PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES SUCH AS TAIPOWER, CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THE SECOND GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER AND WILL HAVE MORE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FIRST GROUP WILL BE MADE BY THE US/ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THAT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE USDOC FOREIGN BUYERS PROGRAM WILL NOT BE REQUESTED. WE HOPE THESE MISSIONS CONSTITUTE A GENUINE EFFORT TO BUY MORE FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS RATHER THAN BEING MAINLY ROC PUBLIC RELATIONS GIMMICKS, WHICH WAS THE CASE WITH THE "BUYING MISSION" TOURING THE COUNTRY IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY. CHRISTOPHER

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